will be Rs. 18 crores. Detailed cost estimafes for Bombay and Calcutta are being prepared.

The work of extension of the passenger reservation at Delhi will be completed by March, 1987. The phase 1 of computerised system at Calcutta and Bombay will be introduced by end of December, 1986.

Payment to chemists by DTC

1568. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 299 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th November, 1986 and state what are the reasons for which Delhi Chemists have not been paid about Rs. 12 crores claimed by them under the medical reimbursement scheme of the Delhi Transport Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): The exact amount payable against the pending bills of the Chemists can be assessed only after the investigations are completed.

Japanese Encephalitis

1569. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI M. VINCENT:

SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'Japanese Encephalitis' is spreading in certain states in the country taking a heavy toll of life;

(b) if so, which states in the country are affected with the disease along with the number of deaths reported in each of these states so far; and

(c) what measures have been taken by Government to control the epidemic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) According to the latest information the following States have reported outbreak of Japanese Encephalitis with number of deaths occured during the current year :—

Assam	385
Andhra Pradesh	367
Bihar	11
Karnataka	9
Manipur	5
Tamilnadu	28
Uttar Pradesh	533

(c) The following steps have been taken to contain the disease :—

1 Directorate of National Malaria Eradication Programme is regularly collecting and analysing the incidence reports from various States|Union Territories.

2. All the States/Union Territories have been requested to spray BHC|DDT in an area 2-3 Km. around a case whenever reported besides Malathion fogging|ULV spraying.

3. NIV, Pune, School of Tropical Medicine, Calcutta, All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health, Calcutta and National Institute of Communicale Diseases, Delhi are involved in the programme for advice diagnosis of cases.

4. States and Regional Offices for Health and Family Welfare have been requested to be in constant touch with the States for Japanese Encephalitis control.

5. BHC|DDT and Malathion are supplied by NMEP for control of Japanese Encephalitis outbreak.

6. Fogging|ULV machines are supplied by NMEP to the affected States.

7. Health education on Japanese Encephalitis has been intensified and necessary guidelines have been issued to all States|Union Territories to contain the disease.

Compensation paid by railways to accident victims

1570. SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR **BANSAL:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of railway accidents occurred in the country during the period from 1.1 1986 to 31.10.86;

(b) the total number of persons killed and injured in these accidents;

(c) what were the causes of these accidents;

(d) the number of claims received for compensation by Government from 31st March, 1986 to 31st October, 1986;

(e) what amount of compensation has so far been paid to the next of kin of those killed and to the injured;

(f) the number of claims found to be bogus;

(g) whether any action has been taken against the erring railway employees responsible for the railway accidents; if so, the details thereof; and

(h) what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken to make railway travel safe?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The break-up is as under:—

Category of Accident	Number
Collisions	29
Derailments	447
Accidents at level crossings	50
Fires in trains	19

(b) In these accidents, 211 persons lost their lives and 694 persons were injured.

(c) Mostly these accidents occurred due to human failure, equipment failure, sabotage and incidental causes.

,(d) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(g) During this period, 299 Railway Staff were awarded punishments including 88 with major penalties like dismissal, removal, reversion, etc.

(h) Some of the important safety measures taken are :—

(i) Intensification of field inspections and counselling of staff.

(ii) Introduction of modern technological aids.